

## **REMARKS**

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Applicants have amended the detailed description section of the specification to correct two typographical errors cited by the Examiner in the Office Action. No new matter has been added.

### **Amendments to the Claims**

After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1 and 3-25 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 7, 14, and 20, being independent. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 7 herein. Additionally, Applicants have canceled Claim 2 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added.

### **Summary of the Office Action**

In the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, the Examiner allowed Claims 14-22. Additionally, the Examiner objected to Claims 2, 4, and 6-13 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim and indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Finally, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Entani, U.S. Patent No. 5,371,741.

**Response to the Office Action**

Claims 14-22

Applicants gratefully accept the Examiner's decision to allow Claims 14-22.

Claims 1-6

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter previously recited in dependent Claim 2. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 1 and 3-6 are in position for allowance because the base claim (independent Claim 1) is patentable over the documents cited by the Examiner. Applicants have canceled Claim 2.

Claims 7-13

Applicants have amended allowable Claim 7 to be in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 7 and Claims 8-13 depending therefrom are in position for allowance because the base claim (independent Claim 7) is patentable over the documents cited by the Examiner.

Claims 23-25

Applicants respectfully note that the Examiner did not provide the disposition of dependent Claims 23-25 in the Office Action. These claims depend from previously allowed Claim 18. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate the allowance of Claims 23-25 in the next Office Action.

Applicants are not conceding that the rejections presented in the Office Action are accurate or correct. Applicants present the claim amendments and cancellations herein to allow a patent to issue for the subject matter found allowable by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the original claims in a continuation application and to submit remarks in response to the Examiner's claim rejections in such a continuation application.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit the foregoing as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004. Applicants submit that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action. If any issues exist that can be resolved with an Examiner's Amendment or a telephone conference, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at 404.572.2809.

Respectfully submitted,



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